



## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

*Summary:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides for the payment of an annuity to the spouse or divorced spouse of a retired railroad employee. For the spouse or divorced spouse to qualify for an annuity, the RRB must determine if any of the employee's current marriage to the applicant is valid.

The requirements for obtaining documentary evidence to determine valid marital relationships are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30 through 219.35. Section 2(e) of the RRA requires that an

employee must relinquish all rights to any railroad employer service before a spouse annuity can be paid.

The RRB uses Form G-346 to obtain the information needed to determine whether the employee's current marriage is valid. Form G-346 is completed by the retired employee who is the husband or wife of the applicant for a spouse annuity. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

In accordance with amended regulation 20 CFR 217.17, **the RRB proposes the implementation of Form G-346sum**. Proposed Form G-346sum, which will mirror the information collected on Form G-346, will be used when an employee, after being interviewed by an RRB field office staff member “signs” the form using an alternative signature method known as “attestation.” Attestation refers to the action taken by the RRB field office employee to confirm and annotate the RRB’s records of the applicant’s affirmation under penalty of perjury that the information provided is correct and the applicant’s agreement to sign the form by proxy. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (76 FR 62098 on October 6, 2011) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

#### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Employee’s Certification

OMB Control Number: 3220-0140

Form(s) submitted: G-346 and G-346sum

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection of information

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, spouses of retired railroad employees may be entitled to an annuity. The collection obtains information from the employee about the employee's previous marriages, if any, to determine if any impediment exists to the marriage between the employee and his or her spouse.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-346 and the implementation of new Form G-346sum.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
G-346	4,830	5	403
G-346sum	2,070	5	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,900</b>		<b>575</b>

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751-4981 or [Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV](mailto:Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV).

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